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THIS TECHNIQUE MEANS THAT BY HURTING YOUR OPPONENT YOU ARE HURTING YOURSELF.
IT'S A PURE CONNECTION OF THEIR HEART AND SOUL.

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE "SHADOW" TECHNIQUE USED BY KUSAKABE.

NO, HE HAS YET TO FULLY USE THIS TECHNIQUE TO IT'S FULL POTENTIAL.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SEEMS HIS AIM IS TO GET A DRAW OUT OF THIS.
KUSAKABE IS A REAL ASSHOLE FOR THIS.

AH, THERE IT IS!! HE IS USING SEISMIC WAVES AS A MEANS TO ATTACK.

IT'S COMING!
DON'T TELL ME HIS PRIDE AS LEADER OF THE YUGEN IS MAKING HIM THINK HE SHOULD ATTACK!!
WHY THE HELL IS KUSAKABE ATTACKING? IT JUST MEANS HE IS GOING TO HURT HIMSELF!
OR PERHAPS HE IS BEING MANIPULATED BY KIICHI'S FEELINGS!

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(PHANTOM STRIKE)

BUT EVEN SO HE STILL ATTACKED ME FULL ON!
BUT ALL THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THIS ATTACK WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM!
IS THIS WHAT HE MEANS BY AN EYE FOR AN EYE, IS HE TRYING TO KILL US BOTH!?

FACE THEM HEAD ON, DON'T RETREAT, GO FORWARD AND SEE THEM FOR WHAT THEY REALLY ARE!!
KIICHI, DON'T RETREAT!!
GATHER YOUR COURAGE AND MOVE FORWARD!

—神戸—
YOU DON'T BREAK THROUGH THE YING AND YANG SHADOW TECHNIQUE BY STOPPING THE "SHADOW".
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THE SHADOW IS A PART OF EVERYTHING, THE UNIVERSE IS MADE OF SHADOWS, AND IN THOSE SHADOWS THE SUN HIDES ITSELF, THAT IS WHAT YIN AND YANG IS.

WHEN YOU WATCH THE SUNSET THERE ARE SOME SHADOWS YOU CAN'T SEE.
CAN YOU "FEEL" THE THINGS YOU CAN'T SEE?

AH, YES OF COURSE, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE BODY CAN "SEE" THINGS THE EYES CAN'T.

YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO REFLECT YOUR OWN MIND ONTO YOUR OPPONENTS.
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THERE IS TO IT.
SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE TO ATTACK WITH ONLY A FEW OF YOUR SENSES.

YOU WILL HAVE TO LOOK THROUGH YOURSELF AND FIND YOUR INNER SELF.
THAT IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN TRULY BECOME A "SHADOW".
A SHADOW, HUH?

I HAVE TO LOSE THE CONCEPT OF "SELF".

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE MIRROR YOU WILL BE A GOD.
THAT IS WHY THE MIRROR ITSELF IS EQUAL TO A SHRINE.

I WILL HAVE TO MEET "GOD".
I DON'T WANT TO MEET DEATH!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

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